

Appl. No. 10/732,897
Response dated February 27, 2006
Office Communication dated 01/26/06

REMARKS

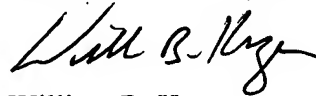
Applicants' election is made with traverse, believing that a complete search of all groups can be made without undue burden on the Patent Office.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending claims in this Application are in condition for substantive review on the merits. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Kezer
Reg. No. 37,369

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 925-472-5000
Fax: 415-576-0300
WBK:jkh
60709532 v1